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1. HISTORY. This issue publishes a revision of this publication.

2. PURPOSE. To ensure that all clinical personnel of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity (USAMEDDAC), Fort Huachuca, are properly trained biennially in BLS.

3. SCOPE. This publication is applicable to all civilian employees and assigned military personnel working in clinical areas of the USAMEDDAC, Fort Huachuca.

4. REFERENCE:

4.1 Handbook of Military Resuscitative Care, Military Training Network, Current Edition.

4.2 Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA), Volume 255.

4.3 Joint Commission Accreditation Manual for Hospitals, Current Edition.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES:

5.1 In addition to responsibilities laid out in Reference A, the Program Administrator will:

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5.1.1 Normally be the Education NCO in METS. Serve as a liaison between the BLS program and the Military Training Network (MTN).

5.1.1.1 Ensure compliance with the policies of the MTN.

5.1.1.2 Maintain database for all BLS qualified USAMEDDAC personnel.

5.1.1.3 Schedule monthly BLS class, assigns instructors, and issue BLS attendance roster

5.2 In addition to responsibilities laid out in Reference A, the Program Director will:

5.2.1 Be responsible for the entire program at this facility.

5.2.2 Work with the Program Administrator to ensure compliance with the policies of the MTN.

5.2.3 Verify paperwork and files as needed.

5.2.4 Sign all Health Care Provider cards.

5.3 BLS Affiliate Faculty will:

5.3.1 Develop and maintain the BLS training program.

5.3.2 Be responsible to the BLS National Faculty for all training, planning, quality improvement and program maintenance aspects of the BLS program.

5.4 Instructor Trainers, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center (RWBAHC) will:

5.4.1 Teach potential BLS instructors the skills necessary to train and teach students.

5.4.2 Monitor instructors for the purpose of registration and re-registration in BLS.

5.5 Instructors will teach and monitor individuals in BLS Standards.

5.6 Division/Section Educator will:

5.6.1 Schedule those personnel needing BLS training the month before or the month of expiration.

5.6.2 Ensure individuals pick up BLS study book from the METS office prior to the class date.

5.7 Individual students will:

5.7.1 Attend class every two years, participating in all activities.

5.7.2 Pass the written exam with a minimum score of 84 percent or better and demonstrate proficiency in performing BLS skills.

## 6. GENERAL.

6.1 The Military Training Network for Resuscitative Medicine Programs establishes a single administrative structure for conducting resuscitative medicine programs in the uniformed services. Provides an American Heart Association sanctioned, worldwide BLS network within military and government agencies.

6.2 The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center (RWBAHC) provides American Heart Association verification through the Military Training Network, which has several positions:

6.2.1 The Program Administrator.

6.2.2 The Program Director.

6.2.3 BLS Affiliate Faculty.

6.2.4 Instructor Trainers RWBAHC.

6.3 There are three tiers of personnel that may or may not require BLS certification.

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**6.3.1** Tier I: Includes all physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Registered Nurses, LPN/LVN's, medics/CNA's, Behavioral Health and any other personnel that provide direct patient care. This tier is REQUIRED to have the BLS for Healthcare Providers card.

**6.3.2** Tier II: Includes all clerical and administrative staff working in patient care areas. This tier is strongly encouraged to obtain the BLS Heartsaver AED card.

**6.3.3** Tier III: Includes all other personnel working in clerical and administrative areas where patient care does not take place. This tier is encouraged to attend the BLS Heartsaver AED class.

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